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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCHRIEVER

SUBJECT: Conserving the AFBMD Space Mission

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of my concern over the delay in organizing a space activity at the AFBMD. I had presumed that we would stake our claim within a matter of days after we had General Anderson's approval, which, as you will recall, we received on 22 August. Delaying our action until 22 September or later could jeopardize the space mission assignment unnecessarily, and I would be most apprehensive if this schedule were known at Hq ARDC (Andrews). I strongly urge that we publish an organizational chart as soon as possible, confirming our new status to the entire Air Force.

2. My other comment has to do with the development of functional statements for the space organization. I believe that we should resist any impulse to negotiate such a statement bilaterally with Hq ARDC (Andrews). We have been very unsuccessful in the past with correspondence of this type; therefore, I recommend that we prepare it unilaterally, making it as simple and inclusive as possible - for example:

> Acts for the Commander in all military space programs and is responsible for planning, implementing, and managing all research, development, and test activities in manned and unmanned military space systems and projects, including the Air Force Aeronautics and Space Technology program.

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NOTE: THE MEMO ON P51-56